JUNE 6-7, 2008

Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

# Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council met in St. John's on **June 6 and 7**. This issue of *Executive Notes* is a summary of major decisions and discussions that occurred at these meetings.

For further information contact any member of Provincial Executive or the NLTA staff person as indicated.

## President's Report

President Sean Noah reported on his activities since the April meeting of Provincial Executive. He attended various meetings and functions in his capacity as President including the CTF Board of Directors meeting, Branch retirement banquets, CAPTO annual meeting, CTF Affiliate President's annual meeting, and the Professional Development Forum re Results of Research on Network Exchange. He addressed the Public Sector Pensioners' Coalition, the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils AGM, Avalon Historica Fair, Symposium on Post-Confederation Education Reform, Canadian Association of Principals National Conference, Teacher Recruitment Fair, and School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador Awards Banquet.

The President continued school visits in the St. John's and Mount Pearl areas as well as in Carmanville, Musgrave Harbour and Green's Harbour. He was active in the media on the Provincial Budget, the Pan Canadian Assessment Program, teacher allocations, teacher recruitment fair, and Kindergarten class size.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President.

## Association Priorities

The Association priorities were reviewed by Provincial Executive. Administrative staff reviewed various elements of the document including goals, responsibility, indication of progress/success and updates. The Association priorities for 2007-09 are: quality of teacher work life/teacher workload; contract negotiations; teacher professional development; membership involvement/awareness; and Teacher Allocation and ISSP/Pathways Commission reports.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

## Collective Bargaining

The Labrador Benefits Agreement has been ratified by all unions party to that negotiation and the final agreement is in the process of being signed. Retroactive payments to the membership covered by this agreement will follow soon.

Contract talks for the Provincial Collective Agreement will commence in September. The dates of September 24, 25 and 26 have been set to begin negotiations.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Lloyd Hobbs, Assistant Executive Director.

## Canadian Teachers' Federation

At its April meeting the CTF Board of Directors determined recipients of CTF Awards for presentation at the 2008 AGM. The recipient of the Outstanding Aboriginal Educator Award will be Dr. Edwina Wetzel from this province.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President.

## Business of Standing Committees

*Table Officers*

- The NLTA Electoral Committee for Province-wide Voting for 2008-09 will be comprised of: Leo Freeborn (Chair), retired teacher; Dolly Brace (Paradise Elementary); and Roxanne Skanes (Harbour Grace Primary).
- The NLTA Annual Report will be discontinued and replaced by a Biennial Report to be produced at the end of the Executive's two-year term.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

*Professional Issues*

Jennifer Nakashima and Andrew Mercer will each be granted an International Conference Presenter Centennial Fund Award in the amount of $1,250.

For further information contact Jean Murphy, Chair, Professional Issues Committee or Beverley Park or George Tucker, Professional Development Division.

*(continued)*

*Group Insurance Trustees*

The Group Insurance Trustees for 2008-09 will be: Callista Burridge (Chair), Deer Lake; Rhonda Bowles-French, Grand Falls-Windsor; Don Case, Salmon Cove; Daryn Cramn, Wabush; Marlene Curran, St. John's; Derek Drover, Gaultois; Linda Luedee, Corner Brook; Don Ash and James Fox, NLTA Staff Consultants.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President.

*Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services*

The mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services will be extended to the 2008-09 school year.

For further information contact Paul Pinsent, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

## Other Business

The NLTA will survey school representatives and administrators by the end of September 2008 to gather data on the impact of the teacher allocation model on their schools. One survey will be sent per school and will be directed to the school representative asking that he/she consult the school administrator when completing the survey.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Lloyd Hobbs, Assistant Executive Director.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **September 19 and 20** in St. John's.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.